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### Item 12 – Outside Body and Joint Committee Appointments

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<b>Outside Body / Joint Committee</b>	<b>Feedback</b>
Allerdale Citizens Advice Bureau	1 Meetings are Bi-Monthly, 2 I have attended 3 meetings 3 Yes as it means we have a connection & can 4 see how public money is used. 5 None yet 6 Don't really know 7 I will know more as I get involved
Allerdale Disability Association	<p>It is very important, we help people with disabilities in the community in many ways, it would be visible if Council was not present on the board.</p> <p>The Association is run on funding, the councillor present can guide on ways and methodology of getting funding Not had an opportunity to attend any meetings this year.</p> <p>I have only attended one meeting. This was due to me not receiving invites to attend their meetings or they were at a time when I was unavailable. The Covid restrictions have had an impact.</p> <p>Even though my involvement was curtailed due to circumstances beyond my control and also a political decision to replace me I do feel that being involved is beneficial and adds purpose to both the Council and the committees.</p>
Allerdale Investment Partnership	1 Board meets every three months. There are also monthly informal catch-up meetings as well as impromptu meetings as and when necessary to discuss matters as they arise. 2 All. 3 Yes. Presence on the Board is essential as this is a partnership and plans cannot be actioned without the agreement of both partners. 4 Completion of Workington Travelodge and planning of future projects. 5 Completion of Workington Travelodge and planning of future projects. If these go ahead, they will benefit both partners. 6 Council does not necessarily have in house the skills and expertise that the partner can bring to the table as part of the process of deciding which development proposals are most

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	<p>suitable for the partnership to engage in. With the decrease in funding from central government, the Council needs to work towards self-sufficiency and to find alternative sources of income so that service levels are maintained. Having a partner well versed in investment and project strategy is an essential tool for the Council.</p> <p>7 No, thank you.</p> <p>I was appointed to the AIP Board in January 2020 the Board usually meets every 2/3 months as well as monthly update meetings. I have attended all the meetings. I believe representing the Council on this Outside Body adds value as it is a partnership, the Board cannot progress things without all agreeing. The AIP Board have delivered several projects examples are Travelodge, Ashfield Road Phase 2 and we are planning future projects that will benefit all parties. It is essential to have representation on the AIP Board and work with our partners, we all bring different skills and expertise to deliver projects for Allerdale. With Government budget restraints this is a good way to look at generating income from other sources.</p>
<p>Cumbria Community Foundation West Cumbria Panel</p>	<p>As part of the committee we have delivered computers to a number of people and passed a lot of funding to a lot more.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. 4 per month</li><li>2. Approximately 6</li><li>3. Yes, all Borough councils represented</li><li>4. Representing the Borough council</li><li>5. Able to add my approval or not for grants on behalf of ABC to schools, sports bodies etc.</li><li>6. Adding value by engaging with CCF to fulfil the need of providing financial aid democratically to those in need.</li><li>7. To repeat, ALL councils are represented therefore making this a democratic body to enable individuals/groups to function.</li></ol> <p>Unfortunately I only attended one meeting which was at Allonby then the Covid pandemic stopped everything. When the first online</p>

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	<p>meeting was to happen I was without internet for roughly six weeks. The next online meeting after that I was called into work so couldn't attend. It's safe to say I haven't had any invite from CCF since last summer. 3, yes representing the council on this body was very valuable, you are using your experience as a councillor to help others, It's what we do . 4, although I only attended the one meeting I would like to think my contribution helped make decisions and gives the council some positive reflection. 5, although very short lived due to the pandemic and other issues as stated, I would like to think I contributed wisely and helped people/organisations using my council experience. 6, Absolutely yes , I see this body as another council like organisation, and I believe local councils should use the experience and knowledge councillors have to help people and organisations in that area. 7, obviously no one seen the pandemic coming and what disruption it was going to cause. All going well I would have represented the council many times, but unfortunately with no internet in a lockdown then being called into work I couldn't attend. What I will say is, what a fantastic group of people and well run organisation helping people and groups throughout Cumbria.</p>
<p>Cumbria Health Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>The meetings take place every 2 months and alternate between Kendal and Carlisle, since Covid we have completed them via live teams meetings. I have 100% attendance record in the meetings and completed additional working groups and hospital visits looking at staff team fives and morning communication sessions in Maryport and Cockermouth. I was appointed to the committee September 2019. Yes, a different perspective always adds value. Local NHS - we were able to support them with homelessness I feel as part of sitting on outside bodies it would be beneficial to deliver a report back to Council</p>

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	<p>periodically. Something to full council that informs all members of issues raised and outcome implemented</p> <p>District members are elected into the vice chair position annually, I have recently covered the vice chair position Some district members do not attend meetings regularly and it's important to get input from both District and County Council Members.</p> <p>Not essential to ABC however, interaction of different bodies can only up skill members and improve cross organisation working. It's been difficult as the initial training on how the NHS is funded and linked together was delayed. Then Covid came along and training had to be cancelled, as a new member I have been learning as we go but it has been beneficial</p>
Cumbria Tourist Board	<p>I was appointed in 2019 I've attended 1 full board meeting in Staveley, Kendal just before the pandemic. Since then there has been virtual meetings once a month, I cannot always attend. I believe they have done very well to survive this pandemic with the tourism sector being decimated. I would like to see closer contact between CT &amp; ABC. Going forward ABC tourism has opportunity to expand its presents worldwide through CT</p>
Energy Coast West Cumbria Ltd	<p>I was appointed in February 2020, the BEC Board meets quarterly. I try to attend all meetings and have submitted my apologies to 2 meetings, but it has been arranged for a proxy to attend on Allerdale's behalf when I am not available. It is important that the council maintains an effective link with BEC. This link adds value to the council in terms of helping to further our regeneration agenda in partnership with others, but it also provides BEC with an important link to the Council's regeneration programmes. BEC have delivered several regeneration projects in West Cumbria that have added to the overall economic prosperity of the area. The Council's ongoing relationship with BEC is important to the organisation in order to ensure that they have a solid understanding of the council's regeneration priorities. Representation on BEC is important. A key aspiration of the Council is regeneration.</p>

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	<p>This links to the Council strategy's strategic themes of invest to grow, thriving towns and villages and resilient communities. BEC are potentially a key partner in fulfilling these aspirations. The Council are a part owner of the company and so it is important that there is continued engagement with the organisation.</p>
<p>Harrington Harbour &amp; Dock Board</p>	<p>5 meetings in two years 2019-2021 I have attended all meetings Being in a position to act swiftly to obtain advise to resolve problems regarding Safety financial assistance for emergency repairs and legal advice when needed Actions to take legal advice regarding the status of HH&amp;DB Planning a forward business plan to be financially independent Working closely together and in unison for better harbour facilities exploring all avenues of financial input we are fully aware that the biggest problem is the funding of dredging the Harbour Again the Pandemic has prevented or slowed down some positive outcomes A fund raising group has been formed by encouraging and informing local Residents of future intended developments on and around the Marina A consultancy is now drafting improvements on the Marina through the efforts of HH&amp;DB Yes I do consider representation on the Committee is vital since it is in the financial interest of ABC to be involved in the future transformation of Harrington Harbour into a busy Port for both Leisure and Tourism that will be an asset to be proud of The local economy will also benefit from the success of the efforts of HH&amp;DB.</p> <p>There have been two meetings of HHDB since last May but I can't remember how many meetings there were in the previous Council year (2019-20) and I can't find any record of them. As far as i know, I attended them all. The Council, as freehold owner of the Harbour, has the legal duty to appoint the members of the Board, whose duty is then solely to the Board.</p>

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	<p>Board members are appointed by the Council but are not the Council's representatives. The Board, has continued, within its limited resources, to oversee the governance and operation of the Harbour in accordance with the 1902 Order constituting the Board and the relevant navigation and harbour legislation. The Board, with the Council as owner of the Harbour, is in the process of clarifying - with some urgency - their respective responsibilities for the Harbour.</p> <p>As for 4.</p> <p>Appointment of Harbour Board members by the Council is a requirement of the 1902 Order. See point 1. Details of meetings of the Board and other relevant documents are public, and should be published somewhere. This is in hand.</p> <p>These meetings are Ad Hoc, 4 meetings have taken place in the last 2 years and I have attended 3. I believe representing the Council on this Outside Body keeps all parties informed and maintains effective links between the Harbour Board and the Council.</p>
Lake District National Park (LDNP) Authority	<p>1-3 per month, it varies.</p> <p>Approx. 23 meetings attended plus training and familiarisation sessions, site visits and regional area visits.</p> <p>Definitely, I can represent Allerdale constituent's views, fears and priorities of those communities living in and around LDNP. I also find out and hear the views and priorities of other Councillors, be they Parish, District or County as well as the Secretary of State appointees</p> <p>By bringing experiences and learning back to Council from extensive training sessions and site visits attended as well as by attending Development Control Committee (DCC), Authority and Governance meetings in addition to being party to their Covid response. This has aided my professional input into meetings at ABC. Experiences of virtual LDNPA meetings has also brought the better ideas to Allerdale.</p> <p>I have brought my 10 years as Development Panel member experience as well as the many years involvement with Allerdale and LDNP</p>

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	<p>planning matters which included Local plans and Secretary of State planning appeals and judicial review. This experience has shaped my input, questions and actions (ie moving approval or refusal, most importantly with material planning reasons) at DCC meetings in particular. My experience as a Councillor has similarly aided my involvement and questioning at meetings other than DCC.</p> <p>I certainly do consider representation essential. It is imperative that the constituents living and/or working in and around LDNP have a voice and representation by an elected member.</p> <p>: I am uniquely qualified to represent Allerdale as the representative on LDNPA as I was brought up, attended Infants, Junior and Senior schools in LDNP and was married at St Kentigern’s Church in Keswick as well as working in an around the LDNP and like most people my leisure activities were also centred in and around the Lakes as well as having family and friends in the park.</p> <p>Because I have spent most of my life living and working in or next to the LDNP and as a Councillor, the DCC and DP memberships plus Secretary of State Inquiries and Judicial Review attendances must make me one of the most experienced in this particular area where knowledge, objectivity and professionalism are extremely important as it is one of the most publicly attended of committees/panels.</p>
<p>Risk &amp; Hazard Reduction and Waste Group</p>	<p>1 Irregular intervals. Pandemic has caused some disruption to the meetings schedule over the past year.</p> <p>2 Attended the most recent but not sure how many meetings there have been in total.</p> <p>3 Yes, I think that Sellafield Ltd and the nuclear industry play a crucial role in the culture and economy of West Cumbria and that it is very important that the Council is represented on committees where nuclear issues are discussed at both a national and local level.</p> <p>4 Regular updates on the Nuclear Decommissioning Programme, responses to the NDA Strategy 4 and Business Plan. It is useful to be able to discuss responses with other</p>

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	<p>stakeholders present at these meetings.</p> <p>5 The discussion around the consultations and regular updates are of benefit to the Council as well as to representatives of other organisations within the group.</p> <p>6 Yes. As stated above, the nuclear industry is of huge significance to Allerdale Borough Council. West Cumbria will be directly affected by any changes within that industry. It is therefore essential to be part of the discussion process.</p> <p>7 No, thank you.</p> <p>A typical WCSSG Meeting consists of social impact updates from the NDA and Sellafield Ltd NDA are responsible for operations all nuclear sites except the MOD so their reports are much wider than Sellafield and Drigg NDA are responsible for transfer of radioactive materials from their decommissioning sites to Sellafield for long- term storage Sellafield Ltd are responsible for waste management and decommissioning work on Site, and overall site-management Both organisations contribute to social welfare activities in the local area, as do some of their Supply chains. Sellafield Ltd are responsible for post-operational clean-up, POCO, of each facility up to the point where any hazards are reduced to a level safe enough to handover to their Major Project Partners in civil, electrical, mechanical and process engineering. With some facilities this could take some years. At all times both NDA and Sellafield Sites policy is minimisation of hazards and overall cost-reduction. Therefore priority is given to facilities considered to be highest risk. The peak programme with Project Partners is expected to run to at least 2035. All NDA and Sellafield future plans/ funding opportunities are aired here. They need to Ensure suitable workforce training for locals and that West Cumbria remains viable for 20 years. WCSSG supports 6 Technical sub-groups. The Site needs a vibrant West Cumbria to maintain supply chains</p>
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Solway Coast AONB Joint Advisory Committee	I was appointed to the board of the AONB Joint Advisory Committee in 2019 Unfortunately due to certain circumstances I have not been able to attend the meetings which are mainly Ad Hoc. Hopefully in the coming year the meetings will become more frequent. Saying this I do believe the Solway AONB is run by good managers & are very conscientious of the area.
Solway Firth Partnership	I was appointed to in 2019. I've tried to attend every virtual meeting since lockdown which is about 4 times a year. It is very important to have an ABC representative on this committee. Although their projects have been quite limited through lockdown I believe that ABC tourism should Build on their connections with SFP to encourage visitors all around the solway firth
Spent Fuel Management & Nuclear Materials Group	<p>1 Irregular intervals. Pandemic has caused some disruption to the meetings schedule over the past year.</p> <p>2 Attended the most recent but not sure how many meetings there have been in total.</p> <p>3 Yes, I think that Sellafield Ltd and the nuclear industry play a crucial role in the culture and economy of West Cumbria and that it is very important that the Council is represented on committees where nuclear issues are discussed at both a national and local level.</p> <p>4 Regular updates on the Nuclear Decommissioning Programme, responses to the NDA Strategy 4 and Business Plan. It is useful to be able to discuss responses with other stakeholders present at these meetings.</p> <p>5 The discussion around the consultations and regular updates are of benefit to the Council as well as to representatives of other organisations within the group.</p> <p>6 Yes. As stated above, the nuclear industry is of huge significance to Allerdale Borough Council. West Cumbria will be directly affected by any changes within that industry. It is therefore essential to be part of the discussion process.</p> <p>7 No, thank you.</p>

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<p>West Cumbria Site Stakeholder Group</p>	<p>The West Cumbria Stakeholder group has met on several occasions over the past 18 months both in person but mainly through virtual media meetings. I attended the NDA 2day conference in Anglesey but due to work commitments over the past year at Sellafield I have been unable to attend the quarterly meetings.</p> <p>However, I receive the meeting reports and review these for any standout issues, noting in my current work position I have a significant input and understanding of the Sellafield decommissioning programme.</p> <p>In general, the main stay of the meetings has been associated with the running of the Sellafield site which has been on minimum manning levels since the start of the Covid 19 pandemic back in March 2020. As a result of this, most projects on the site have been at a standstill for the past 13 months.</p> <p>However, the major issue arising over the past 18 months has been the announcement by the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority of their proposed engagement strategy and their intention to build a Geological Waste Facility (GDF) to accommodate the UK's Intermediate and High-level radioactive waste. This is being driven by the subsidiary group of the NDA the Radioactive Waste Management (RWM) Group. Several presentations by the RWM have been held for councillors throughout the year.</p> <p>Given that West Cumbria will inevitably play a significant role in the siting of any proposed GDF location, I believe the intended implementation and delivery strategy for a new GDF does raise key questions and also possible significant impacts on the council, which need considered moving forward.</p> <p>The Council needs to stay connected as much as possible with the nuclear industry I have not received any invites as yet.</p>
<p>Workington Harbour Management Committee</p>	<p>This Committee meets quarterly. I have attended all of the meetings in the last 2 year. The role of Workington Harbour Management Committee is to Ensure the County Council discharges all its statutory duties and functions as a Statutory Harbour Authority, receive quarterly budget monitoring reports to ensure</p>

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	active monitoring and decision making in relation to the financial position and the Harbour reserve. Ensure the Harbour remains self-financing and address any other issues in relation to the Harbour. Representing Allerdale Borough Council enables me to do this and I believe adds value.
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#### Note:

Members were asked to provide responses to the following questions

During your time on the body(s);

1. What is the number/frequency of meetings?
2. How many meetings have you attended?
3. Do you believe that representing the Council on the body adds value?  
Please explain your response
4. What actions have been taken during the duration of your appointment which have added value to the Council?
5. What actions have been taken during the duration of your appointment which have added value to the body?
6. Do you consider representation to be essential to the work of the Council and delivery of its service areas?  
Please explain your response
7. Do you wish to make any further comments with regards to your appointment on the body?